

# SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Pickens High School  
 Pickens County  
 Grades: 9-12 Enrollment: 1,412  
 Principal: Marion Lawson  
 Superintendent: Dr. Kelly Pew, Ph. D.  
 Board Chair: Judy Edwards

## PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2013	Good	Average	TBD	TBD	B	N/A
2012	Good	Average	Silver	N/A	D	N/A
2011	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

## ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF HIGH SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
28	5	0	0	2

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/07/2013. Schools with Students Like Ours are High Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

## HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM(HSAP) EXAM PASSAGE RATE(%): SECOND YEAR STUDENTS

	Our High School		High Schools with Students Like Ours	
	2012	2013	2012	2013
Passed 2 subtests (%)	79.3%	82.2%	84.6%	85.2%
Passed 1 subtest (%)	12.8%	12.3%	9.7%	10.0%
Passed no subtests (%)	7.9%	5.5%	6.4%	5.3%

## HSAP PASSAGE RATE (%) BY SPRING 2013

	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Passage Rate	92.7%	92.8%

## ON-TIME GRADUATION RATE

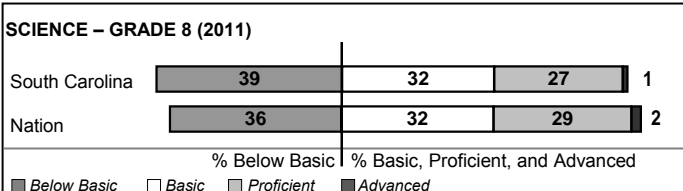
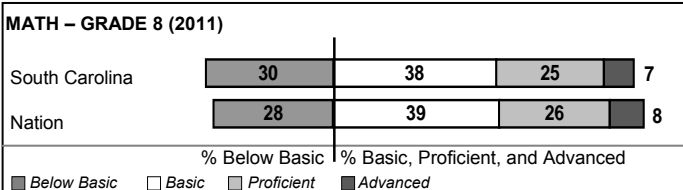
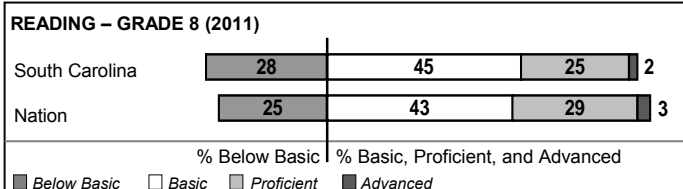
	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Number of students	378	324
Number of Diplomas	282	250
Rate (%)	74.6%	77.5%

## END OF COURSE TESTS - 2013

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our High School	High Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	71.4	80.4
English 1	64.8	75.9
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	80.1	80.1
US History and the Constitution	65.6	64.5
All Tests	70.6	74.4

## NAEP PERFORMANCE\*

\* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



## SC PERFORMANCE VISION

*By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.*

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# Pickens High School [Pickens County]

## SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	High Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
<b>Students (n=1,412)</b>				
Retention rate	1.2%	Down from 2.7%	2.6%	2.9%
Attendance rate	94.1%	No Change	95.1%	95.1%
Served by gifted and talented program	16.6%	N/A	22.1%	17.5%
With disabilities	11.4%	N/A	10.9%	11.9%
Older than usual for grade	6.3%	N/A	6.3%	7.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	1.2%	Up from 0.9%	1.2%	1.1%
Enrolled in AP/IB programs	20.9%	Up from 13.2%	21.0%	15.1%
Successful on AP/IB exams	59.0%	Down from 64.3%	52.0%	51.5%
Eligible for LIFE Scholarship	57.3%	Up from 56.7%	31.6%	30.6%
Annual dropout rate	3.0%	Down from 5.0%	2.6%	2.3%
Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enrollment in career/technology courses	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Career/technology students attaining technical skills	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Teachers (n=75)</b>				
Teachers with advanced degrees	65.3%	Up from 63.5%	67.2%	63.4%
Continuing contract teachers	93.3%	Down from 95.9%	83.7%	78.8%
Teachers returning from previous year	93.2%	Up from 91.9%	88.4%	86.2%
Teacher attendance rate	93.7%	Down from 94.6%	94.7%	95.2%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,484	Up 2.1%	\$50,498	\$48,699
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.9%	Up from 0.7%	1.3%	2.5%
Professional development days/teacher	8.7 days	Up from 8.1 days	11.7 days	9.8 days
<b>School</b>				
Principal's years at school	13.0	Up from 12.0	3.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	29.8 to 1	Up from 29.5 to 1	28.0 to 1	26.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	86.4%	Down from 87.5%	88.4%	89.0%
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,718	Up 6.0%	\$7,331	\$7,919
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	61.0%	Up from 58.7%	59.0%	57.0%
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	63.0%	Up from 60.0%	61.0%	60.0%
Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	96.4%	97.7%
Character development program	Good	No Change	Good	Good
ESEA composite index score	83.1	Up from 65.8	83.2	77.4

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.

\*\* Prior year audited financial data available.

## EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	76	293	77
Percent satisfied with learning environment	84.2%	81.3%	87%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.5%	87.7%	84.4%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	80.6%	85.6%	83.1%

\*Only eleventh grade students and their parents were included. For schools without grade eleven, only the highest grade was included.

## REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Pickens High School, fostering an environment of excellence, relies on the combined efforts of our faculty, staff, students, parents, School Improvement Council (SIC), and the community to provide a quality education for our students. Working to be a data driven school, Pickens High continuously focuses on improving student achievement.

The class of 2013 consisted of 292 graduates, 70 of whom were recognized as Honor Graduates. Ten graduates qualified for the prestigious Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, and 168 qualified for Life Scholarships. The class of 2013 was awarded and accepted over \$5.8 million in scholarships.

Pickens High School is a High Schools That Work (HSTW) site. Our teachers incorporate HSTW research-proven strategies into their instruction in order to provide students with comprehensive, rigorous, and relevant educational opportunities. Appropriate expectations of students and effective implementation of curriculum are guided by the HSTW 10 Key Practices.

Pickens High School continues to value academics. Professional development focuses on instruction and technology that engages students and prepares them to meet SC Curriculum Standards at the highest levels. In addition, literacy strategies were a focus of professional development leading toward implementation of common core standards for all content areas.

Teachers at Pickens High School continue to increase the academic rigor in their respective courses. Wanting to offer a greater variety of rigorous courses, PHS encourages students to participate in a comprehensive AP program. The addition of AP Grammar and Composition and AP Human Geography strengthened the offerings of the AP program at PHS.

150 Blue Flame Drive feels more like home after our second year in the new school. Grateful to our teachers, staff, and administration for their continued commitment to excellence, the new facilities and available technology are utilized to provide an education that will truly prepare students for life and work in the 21st Century. Through plays, concerts, pageants, athletic events, ball games, and other competitions, the Pickens community as a whole can enjoy Pickens High School...Where Excellence Has a New Address!

Marion Lawson, Principal and Isaiah Scipio, School Improvement Chairman

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NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status